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Market changes talks to be held

STALLHOLDERS will hold showdown talks with Dudley Council bosses to persuade them to rethink plans for a £6 million masterplan for the town's market.

Around 3,000 market traders and residents have signed a petition opposing the planned revamp being considered.

The second round of a consultation ended at the start of December with about 300 people taking part. Ward Councillor Malcolm Davis, the head of the petition, has welcomed the news of a meeting between council officers and traders.

"It seems the council is listening and we hope they will agree to look at the whole scheme again," he said. "We have one of the best markets here in Dudley - better than most in the country."

Councillor Davis said the talks had been arranged ahead of the central Dudley area committee meeting on January 31.

He added the 3,000-strong petition would still be presented to the committee whatever comes out of the earlier meeting.

Under the proposals the market place would be revamped and new stalls with canopies installed.

The number of stalls would be reduced from the current 74 pitches.

Message of the bishop

THE BISHOP of Dudley David Walker has called on people to learn from the past 12 months and take strength for the coming year.

He said: "My New Year's wish and prayer for each of you is that in 2012 your faith will be strong enough to carry you through the unanticipated challenges and maybe tragedies that the year will bring."

"And that even in adversity nothing will extinguish the spark of joy from your life."

WATER FIRM SAYS SORRY FOR FLOOD

by Adam Burling

WATER company Severn Trent has apologised to an elderly couple after they were stranded in their home for 10 days when sewage flooded their garden. More than six inches of water trapped Ron and Iris Hyde in their house.

Hundreds are backing bid on city status

HUNDREDS of signatures have been gathered in just a week on a petition supporting Dudley's bid for city status. The town is one of 26 in the running for a change of status in 2012 to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee.

The town's chamber of commerce has launched an online petition to give people a chance to get behind the project. So far 504 people have signed. Paul Bennett, president of the organisation, said: "It is important that people from all communities get behind this bid for city status."

"A successful bid can only be a good thing for the economic growth of the borough."

The petition calls on people to show their commitment to "a vibrant and prosperous city where people are proud to live, learn and work and where businesses are keen to invest".

The bid was submitted in May 2011 and highlighted Dudley's history and heritage as the "jewel in the crown" of the application. Council bosses say the bid is for the entire borough and areas including Stourbridge and Brierley Hill are key to the success of the project.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones, said: "The nature of our bid was carefully considered as our borough is made up of four main township areas, all of which must maintain their own unique, individual identity. With a population of more than 300,000 we are bigger than the majority of our competitors."

Mrs Hyde, aged 85, uses a walking frame and only the back door is convenient for her to use.

She relies on their car to get around, but it was out of bounds as neither of them could wade through the ankle-deep sewage. Staff at the Ockerhill convenience store next door took them food as they could not go shopping.

Water firm Severn Trent was repeatedly contacted by the couple and their neighbours, and finally drained the area on New Year's Eve - 10 days after the flood first started on December 21.

Engineers had visited three times during that period but Mr and Mrs Hyde said they failed to tackle the problem.

The water appeared to have risen through a drain and manhole cover near the back door of the house in Toll End Road, but workers have struggled to find the root cause.

Smell

Mrs Hyde said: "I think it really has been unacceptable."

"The smell has been terrible from the sewage and we shouldn't have had to put up with this for so long."

She said a similar problem occurred 11 years ago and engineers then believed it was down to a problem in the pipes network under the road.

Severn Trent issued an apology to Mr and Mrs Hyde but was unable to say why the situation had taken so long to deal with and put right.

Spokesman Sara-Jane O'Kane said: "Severn Trent would like to apologise to all those affected by the sewer flooding in Toll End Road."

"We understand this must have been a terrible situation, especially at this time of year."

She said there were many blockages over the festive season which were caused by extra fat, oil and grease being deposited in the sewers from households.



Roy and Iris Hyde, from Toll End Road, Tipton, who were trapped due to flooding

Morrisons bid aims to bring in 70 jobs

A LEADING supermarket has unveiled plans for a major new store in the Black Country which will create 70 new jobs.

Morrisons wants to demolish its existing store in Kingswinford, and replace it with a new 40,000sq ft development.

Under the plans, the replacement supermarket would be built on disused industrial land next to the present store in Stallings Lane.

The old store would continue trading until construction of the new building had been completed. It would then be demolished and the land used to expand the car park.

A petrol station would also be built at the site as part of the proposals.

Nearly 300 part and full-time staff presently employed at the supermarket would be transferred to the new building.

The 70 jobs created would be entirely new and add to the existing workforce.

Officials say plans had yet to be submitted to Dudley Council for consideration as they first wanted to get the opinions of neighbours.

An exhibition will be held in a marquee at the existing store's car park on January 10 between 9.30am and 7.30pm for people to see the plans.

Canoeists die in accidents

Two members of Wyre Forest Canoe Club, including one from Stourbridge, have died less than 24 hours apart in separate accidents.

Dave Smith, aged 49, from Stourbridge, died when he fell out of his canoe in Cornwall on New Year's Day. The father of three was on holiday with his family at the time. Steve Wall, 48, from Ludlow, died in a canoeing accident on the River Teme in Shropshire on Monday.

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New centres for pregnant women

HEALTH chiefs are to ease pressure on over-stretched hospitals by sending more mothers-to-be to specialist centres to give birth.

More women will also be able to choose to have their babies at home. A review has found that labour wards in Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton hospitals have all seen significant increases in births. Russells Hall Hospital is expected to deliver 333 more babies this year

than expected, Walsall will see 277 extra births and New Cross will have 110 extra babies born.

A £1 million specialist midwife-led centre for low-risk pregnancies opened in Smethwick in October. Others are in the pipeline for Walsall and Wolverhampton.

The new Walsall unit delivering 800 babies a year will open in the spring earmarked for the Homer Building in Charles Street. A similar

unit will open in Wolverhampton for as many as 1,000 births in 2012.

Midwives will also be available to support more home births if mothers choose that option. Across the Black Country there were 164 home births from 2010 to 2011.

Andy Williams, director of commissioning at the Black Country Cluster of PCTs, said: "It is our priority to ensure women are offered a choice of options that range from

home birth, to midwife or consultant-led care. We will not compromise on quality and will ensure that all the options available provide women with a safe environment in which to give birth."

Meanwhile the number of births at Stafford Hospital has dropped by more than 450 with many now travelling into the Black Country.

The hospital had handled 2,400 births in 2008 to 2009.

Woman's lucky escape as car wrecks her home

A WOMAN had a lucky escape when a car ploughed through the front of her house and demolished part of a wall, just feet away from where she was standing making a drink.

Sonia Mander said that she felt lucky to be alive after the car hit her semi-detached home in the Black Country.

Part of the front wall of the house, in Grange Lane, Stourbridge, was destroyed by the smash and debris was sent flying.

The back of the Volkswagen Golf crashed into the house as Miss Mander was preparing to go to bed.

The impact sent a back wheel on the car flying off and wrecked a section of wall next to the house's front door.

Miss Mander said it was the latest in a series of crashes on the road.

She is calling for action to be taken to prevent any further incidents.

Her partner Matthew Darby, aged 31, had gone out for a drink but rushed home when she called him to say what had happened.

She said: "I was shaking from head to toe, it scared me so much but I'm just really lucky."

"I was making a coffee in the kitchen and I heard a loud bang. I turned around and the wall was coming in and I could see the back end

by Adam Burling

of the car. I jumped over the rubble and tried to find out what had happened," she added.

The male driver of the car, aged in his 20s, was not injured in the crash, which happened at 10.50pm on December 30.

Miss Mander, a supervisor, said she had spoken to the driver after the crash and said it "could have been so much worse".

She added: "We have to walk past the front door to go up the stairs, so I could easily have been in the way when it happened, and I wouldn't be here now."

Insurance

The pair, who have owned the house for five years, now face a wait for the insurance claim to go through.

The front of the house is boarded up and they now have to enter their home through the back garden.

Mr Darby, a machinist, said: "Something has got to be done to stop all the crashes on this road."

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said officers attended the scene but no arrests were made.

Event for businesses

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council is inviting businesses to attend a workshop aimed at helping save money by becoming more energy efficient.

The authority has joined with the Carbon Trust to run a workshop offering advice to business owners on how to make energy efficient savings and become more environmentally friendly.

The event will take place on January 31 at the County Hall, in Worcester.

Businesses which would like to book a place are asked to log on to www.finditinworcestershire.co.uk

Rachel wins top scout award



Biomedical scientist Rachel Harris, who has earned a Queen's Scout award

VERSATILE Rachel Harris has earned the top scouting award in the UK after carrying out a host of activities around the globe.

Rachel, aged 25, of Wistmins Close, Milking Bank in Dudley, has been presented with the Queen's Scout award.

Rachel, who works as a biomedical scientist at Birmingham's City Hospital, was one of the first girls to join the scouts at the age

of 11, and she is now a leader with the 2nd Gornal Scout Group. She worked for award over the last 18 months, including a three-week trip to carry out voluntary work at a visitor centre at Nyeri in Kenya.

She received her award from West Mercia county scout commissioner Paul Wong, and said: "It was a lot of hard work – but I'm very proud. It's good to have achieved it."

Hospitals revealing personal data leaks

PERSONAL details of patients have been leaked dozens of times at hospitals in the Black Country and Staffordshire, it has been revealed.

There have been 38 data breaches across the region's NHS hospital trusts in the past five years. The figures were revealed under the Freedom of Information Act.

There were 12 recorded leaks at the Dudley Group of Hospitals. Seven saw staff or contractors breach data rules, and in five cases details were either lost or mislaid, including in July 2009, a doctor giving a foster mother's address to the child's biological parent.

Paula Clark, chief executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Protecting patient information is very important to us and we continually reinforce this with our staff."

Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust leaked information 14 times, at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust there were five breaches. There were seven leaks at The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, but there were no breaches at the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust.

Oak tree is to be felled

PLANS to chop down a large oak tree outside a Dudley house have received the backing of officials.

The tree which is between two properties in Ellowes Road, Lower Gornal, is said to be in "poor" condition and part of its canopy needs removing due to health and safety.

The applicant Mark Beardsmore wants it to be felled due to its condition.

"Overall it is considered that as the tree will likely decline over the next few years it is considered that it would be appropriate to fell the tree," a report said.

Children's show

TICKETS have gone on sale for children's show Bob the Builder at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The performance, which will include well-known songs, will take place on April 12 at 1pm. Tickets are available from the box office on 01384 812812.

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Ray dies before
news of grant

A TENNIS club has netted nearly £50,000 towards improving its base. But the news came on the same days that a founder member of Kidderminster Tennis Club died.

Ray Shuck, of Lowe Lane, Wolverley, near Kidderminster, who was the driving force behind the setting up of the club in 1996, died six weeks after his 80th birthday.

Club president Peter Young said: "It is such a shame that Ray never got to hear about the grant."

Grants on offer
for youth groups

PROJECT leaders in Dudley are being reminded of the looming deadline to start applications for grants of up to £750. They will be handed out by Dudley Council throughout January and February. A series of roadshows will be held about the £18,000 available to youth groups. The next three will be in Brierley Hill on January 14, on January 30 for the Stourbridge and Halesowen areas and in Colesey on February 11. Appointments can be booked on 01384 815173.

Centre will take
trees to recycle

FAMILIES can recycle their Christmas trees at a Stourbridge garden centre. Webbs in West Hagley is running the recycling scheme from January 5 to 9.

Last year hundreds of people took up the offer to make use of the free service and Webbs hopes it will prove even more popular this year. For more information you can visit the website webbsdirect.co.uk

Flower club set
for first bloom

HALESOWEN Flower Club will stage its first meeting of 2012 on January 12 at the Shensstone Theatre, Halesowen Library at 7.30pm, with a £4 entry fee.

The club raised £2,240 during events over the last year for children's charities. Cash this year will go to Troop Aid and Birmingham Craniofacial Unit.

Plan to be refused

PLANS to chop down a 30ft sycamore tree in a garden in Sedgley look set to be refused. Dudley Council said Stanningdale Road's Robin Watson's application should be rejected.

Littering
fines rise
to 2,200

MORE THAN 2,200 fines have been handed out to people dropping litter in the Black Country and Staffordshire in 12 months.

Anyone caught littering the street faces a penalty notice carrying a fine of up to £80.

It has generated tens for thousands of pounds for council coffers in the region.

Council bosses say residents are concerned about littering with one describing it as "unacceptable and inexcusable".

There have been 394 people fined in Dudley since April 2010 but council bosses said this was a drop.

Cabinet member for environment and culture, Councillor David Stanley said: "Littering is totally unacceptable and during the last full financial year our enforcement officers issued hundreds of fixed penalty fines for a range of offences.

"If people fail to pay fixed penalty notices we have shown time and time again that we will not hesitate to take a court prosecution.

In Sandwell 1,581 fines have been given out.

Around 112 were for children and teenagers who had to do a litter pick instead of paying the fee.

Get on your
bike invite

CYCLING groups will be staged in Stourbridge to encourage people to get on their bikes.

The Stourbridge Bicycle User Group (STOURBUG) will hold novice rides on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from Mary Stevens Park, starting on January 8. Rides will be short and sociable.

Chairman Russell Eden said: "These are for the beginner, anyone who wants to cycle, but may lack confidence, or for those who haven't cycled for a while."

Invite for fitness

FAMILIES are being invited to take part in two fitness events being held in Worcestershire in the new year.

Walks and cardio-vascular workouts are being held at Burlish Top, Kingsway, Stourport, on January 15 and 12. Events take place from 1pm to 1.30pm and 2pm to 2.30pm on both days. For more details visit www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call 01562 732975.

Police weapons seizure includes 18 pistols

WEAPONS including almost 20 guns a knuckleduster and stun gun have been recovered from children as young as 11 in the West Midlands over the space of a year, new figures have revealed.

Police have also taken a handgun – possibly a replica – from a 12-year-old and removed a ball bearing gun found with a 13-year-old.

An iron bar, CS gas and baseball bats were all seized from youngsters under the age of 18.

Police chiefs said they were working hard with young people across the region to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying a

weapon. The figures released by the West Midlands force through the Freedom of Information Act show in total 254 weapons have been taken off youngsters between the ages of 11 and 18 across the region between April 2010 and March 2011.

Imitations

Among the haul was 18 handguns including some which were imitations. Kitchen knives, craft knives, lock knives and a razor have all also been taken off youngsters.

Chief Inspector Sally Seeley said: "West Midlands Police continually works to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying a

weapon, of any nature, particularly with young people living in the region.

"The possession of an illegal weapon, regardless of age, is a serious offence and will be dealt with robustly. The education of youngsters is a vital part of trying to make it culturally unacceptable to carry a weapon.

"Officers work with schools and colleges to ensure pupils are aware of the dangers, and the 'Tooled up?' package is a major part of our overall strategy to tackle violent crime.

"We want everyone between the ages of 11 and 16 to receive education about knives and knife crime and to fully comprehend the

seriousness of the situation, so that, at the very least, they can make a conscious decision rather than taking an unconscious journey."

Youngsters

Figures released by Staffordshire Police also show that 46 youngsters in the county have been involved in crimes with an offensive weapon between November 2010 and the end of October this year in locations including streets, homes and schools.

The force said in a statement it was working hard to "clamp down on violence and anti-social behaviour in all of its forms."

No puzzle for Geoff as his
cartoons draw on real life

From an audition to a beach in the summer – all British life is depicted in these cartoons by a veteran Black Country artist.

They take him more than two weeks each to produce – but end up in 1,000 pieces when they are sold as jigsaws.

Geoff Tristram, of Stourbridge, has so far completed nine for German manufacturers Ravensburger and hopes they will prove popular across the globe.

WH Smiths and Amazon are already stocking up on the 27in x 12in jigsaws, some of which were inspired by locations across the Midlands.

Each scene features scores of characters in different situations, with minute details that appear as the puzzle is put together.

Caricatures

During his 35-year career Mr Tristram, of Wollaston, has painted caricatures of snooker players at the World Championships in Sheffield and written a series of comedy novels.

This latest project came about when the 56-year-old sent Ravensburger some of his ideas and asked if they were interested.

The first piece he produced was "Talent Show" – a chaotic scene featuring a sword swallower, an Elvis impersonator, a contortionist and others auditioning for "Britain's Got Strictly X-Rated Talent on Ice".

Each image takes him between two and three weeks to complete. He starts with a theme, and then makes a list of possible characters, before drawing them on tracing paper.

He then traces them again on to the main drawing board, slowly building up the scene and fitting in extra details. Each picture is set in a fictional place with comical names such as Knotworth Bothrynwith, which is used in a High Street scene based on Wollaston.

Mr Tristram, of Eggington Road, said: "You need plenty of detail for jigsaws as otherwise a lot of the pieces would be too similar."

He said he was "very proud" of the cartoons and had enjoyed coming up with some of the jokes. He added: "The manufacturers are very keen for the jigsaws to have plenty of humour, but you sometimes have to make sure they're either not too subtle, or not too crude."



Geoff Tristram with two of his fun pieces that have been turned into new jigsaws



Based on Barnett Hill Garden Centre in Clent, this depicts the Wiltyn Badleigh centre on a hot summer's day with all sorts of activities going on with the customers



Geoff's cartoon called Canal Holiday is inspired by the canals in Kinver. He took photos of the area and barges beforehand

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RHODES

CAN'T help noticing when Downton Abbey creator Julian Fellowes opens his mouth, that his teeth seem to belong to two social strata. The top teeth are gleaming showbiz white but the lower teeth are traditional British ivory. Upstairs, downstairs?

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OVER the festive period, some parts of the United Kingdom were a full 30 deg C warmer than they were this time last year. Tell me again. Why exactly will an average rise of 2 degs C be a global catastrophe?

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I DON'T understand the excitement at the revelation, nearly 30 years after the event, that the Argentine battleship General Belgrano was sailing towards, not away from, the exclusion zone when she was torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine in the 1982 Falklands War.

Argentina never recognised the exclusion zone, so that issue is largely irrelevant. Argentina's naval commander later declared that, if he had commanded the British fleet, he would have sunk the Belgrano.

The only folk who made an issue about it were enemies of Margaret Thatcher here in Britain who claimed it was a deliberate attempt to scupper peace talks.

In fact, the talks resumed after Belgrano and HMS Sheffield had both been sunk. Unfortunately, the Argie invaders refused to leave the islands and the rest, alas, is history.

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A READER aiming to lead a healthier life in 2012 says he intends to follow the Cardiologist's Diet – if it tastes good, spit it out.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Tragedy canoeist 'was a much-loved father'

THE WIDOW of an experienced Black Country canoeist killed in a Cornish river gorge today paid tribute to him as a "much-loved and dedicated" husband and father.



David Smith

Father-of-three David Smith, aged 49, died on New Year's Day after falling from his canoe as he navigated his way down a steep-sided gorge along the River Fowey at Golitha Falls.

Mr Smith, of Stourbridge, was one of two members of Bewdley-based Wyre Forest Canoe Club killed in separate accidents in 24 hours.

Steve Wall, 48, of Ludlow, died in the River Teme in Shropshire on Monday.

The tragedy involving Mr Smith, an insurance claims assessor, happened during a holiday in Cornwall.

Police say he is believed to have been canoeing alone.

Mr Smith was a qualified canoeist with 16 years' experience, said his wife, Vanessa, who has returned home to Oldswinford. She added: "David was a much-loved and dedicated husband and father."

Mr Smith was pulled from

by Louise Jew

the river after police received reports a canoeist was clinging to a rock at Draynes, near Liskeard, at around 3.30pm.

Mrs Smith said: "The family would like to thank the emergency services, who were absolutely fantastic."

Fellow member of the canoe club, Steve Wall, was pulled from the water near a weir at Bromfield, near Ludlow after getting into difficulty on Monday.

Emergency services pulled him from the Teme just after 10.30am. Nothing could be done to save him.

Inspector Andy Smith from West Mercia Police said: "We had a call at 9.37am from a member of the public who had observed a canoeist in trouble on the water."

Crews from Tenbury and Craven Arms were in attendance.

Club chairman Eric Buchan said all of the members had been left "stunned" by what had happened. He said: "Our thoughts are with the families of our two colleagues and friends." He added members were "in shock" over the deaths.

Fire-hit pub back in business



Owner Mike Enright in the gleaming new bar at The Grange pub in Dudley

A DUDLEY pub has risen from the ashes to serve customers once more.

Three blazes damaged The Grange, in Himley Road, following numerous attacks by metal thieves.

But now the pub has been transformed after a six-month project and has reopened. New owner Mike Enright, aged 40, brought the pub four years ago but was left dismayed

when his plans for a new bar and restaurant stalled following the vandalism.

However, the father-of-two decided to start rebuilding the pub himself earlier this year.

The pub was completely stripped back to its brickwork before a new modern decor and bar were installed. Around 15 part time jobs have been created.

Kris joins the fight on cancer tablets

A KIDDERMINSTER man with leukaemia says he has been inspired by the birth of his first son to fight plans to stop giving out "life-saving" cancer drugs on the NHS.

The tablets cost £30,000 per patient a year.

Kris Griffin did not know how long he would survive when he was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia four years ago but now his son Luca has now been born using sperm he banked at the time he says he is determined to help others.

He was prescribed Dasatinib, which gave him back a normal life expectancy, and he and his wife Kelly then decided to try for a baby.

The 36-year-old is fighting for other victims to have access to the drug, which is under threat of being axed from the NHS after recommendations from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence.

Mr Griffin, of Selba Drive, said: "The drugs I take every day keep me alive." He went to Parliament to meet MPs fighting to keep the drugs.

It's panto time

A DRAMA group will start the new year with the pantomime Babes in the Wood. Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company will be performing it at Brierley Hill Civic Hall from January 14. Performers are also already lining up a series of charity concerts.

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School is making progress

A MIDLAND school has improved by two grades to be given the top rating by Ofsted inspectors.

Burlish Park Primary, Stourport was rated "satisfactory" - grade three out of four - in 2008 but is now "outstanding".

Three years ago concerns were raised that some pupils were not progressing at the same rate as others. But this time the youngsters were praised for "outstanding progress academically and personally" and for exceptional achievement.

The report by inspector Patricia Potheary said: "The school is a very happy, vibrant and productive learning community, where high quality, stimulating teaching takes place throughout the day."

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Headteacher Janet Bickerton was singled out for being "exceptional".

Police meeting

PEOPLE in Dudley will be able to raise any issues of concern at the next Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting which will take place next month.

The gathering will take place at Dudley Police Station on New Street on January 30 from 7pm.

Faye enjoys her wedding day in spite of all of the Fawltz

DUDLEY bride Faye Garrington has told how her dream Princess Di-style wedding did not quite go to plan at a Devon hotel with a "Fawltz Towers-style" reputation.

by Heather Large

Fallouts with the management, a row with a hairdresser and a revving scooter led to tears and outbursts from bride Faye.

But, despite the glitch-filled, build-up, Faye and her wedding party have booked to return there for their first anniversary.

The wedding of Faye - nee Jones - and Mike Garrington on August 27 was filmed for The Hotel, a new fly-on-the-wall documentary on Channel 4, looking at The Grosvenor's attempts to rebuild its reputation.

The hotel used to be seen as Torquay's number one wedding venue, but recent ceremonies had not gone to plan, with manager Mark Jenkins falling out with his staff on a daily basis.

Faye and Mike, who live in Jockey Fields, Upper Gornal, Dudley, got engaged four weeks after meeting.

She bought a dress with a long train inspired by Princess Di and planned for the ceremony to take place in the hotel grounds.

She booked the The Grosvenor because she "fell in love" with the hotel when she visited for a ballroom dancing event - and she insists she is still happy with her choice. Faye and her wedding co-ordinator fell out days before the event, throw-

ing the plans into chaos.

"When we booked the wedding there was a different owner but when it changed hands they lost my records," said Faye.

And, when the couple arrived with their family ahead of the big day, a room specially reserved for the bride's parents a year earlier had been double-booked.

Classroom

A hotel hairdresser then gave Faye a ticking off after she went for a hairdo elsewhere on another member of staff's advice.

To cap it all, Faye, aged 34, a student classroom assistant at Queen Victoria School, Sedgley, left one of the underskirts at home.

Faye was left in tears and became more stressed, culminating in an outburst after the wrong coloured lights were put on tables for the wedding breakfast.

Despite the drama and fall-outs the couple said they were happy with the day.

Faye said: "It was a bit like Fawltz Towers - and Mark, the owner, is just like Basil."

"The TV portrayed the worst bits of it - but it was all right in the end."

She added: "The hotel has given Mike and I a free weekend."



Faye and Mike finally ready for their big moment



The happy couple cutting the wedding cake together



Things get too much for Faye and she loses her temper



Time for a hug from a member of the hotel staff

NEWS in brief

£300,000 splash parks are backed

A £300,000 plan to turn two old paddling pools into larger splash parks in Wyre Forest have received the backing of councillors.

Council leaders said they were committed to improving equipment and activities in the district's parks.

A decision on which of the district's four paddling pools will be improved will be made once the council has approved its budget for 2012/13.

The plans will go to full council in February.

Fishermen net a big thank you

FUNDRAISERS in Kent have sent a "thank you" to champion fishermen in the Black Country, who have helped to net thousands of pounds for charity.

Grant Albutt, of County Park Avenue, Halesowen, and Steve Harris, of Cromwell Drive, Oakham, Dudley, have taken a group of anglers to the Nick Puncher Memorial charity match in Kent for the last eight years.

John Keatley, an angler from Kent, said: "They have helped us to raise thousands of pounds."

RSPCA looking for volunteers

THE RSPCA is appealing for donations at a West Midlands pet store.

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Taking antibiotics was torture for me

A DUDLEY man dubbed the "sixth member" of rock band Def Leppard has told how he has suffered a "torture beyond belief", caused by a little-known medical condition.

Keyboard player Richard Hancocks, whose stage name is Dick Decent, believes he has fluoroquinolone toxicity syndrome - "poisoning" by antibiotics prescribed to him more than two years ago for a prostate infection.

Since then he has often been in agony for long periods, with tendon and joint problems, unable to walk or even talk - and has not been able to work.

Medications

He has spent his life savings of £20,000 on treatment and natural medications in the Republic of Georgia and friends from the music business, including Def Leppard lead singer Joe Elliott, recently raised £2,300 for him in a gig, called Doing the Decent Thing, at The Roadhouse in Stirchley, Birmingham.

Dick, aged 51, who lives with his partner of 26 years, Sara Beardes, and their children Sophie, 16, and Harry 10, in Boundary Hill, Lower Gornal, believes he has the condition after taking Ciprofloxacin.

"The last two years have been a torture beyond belief," he said.

"I have been in pain and cannot take medications like anti-inflammatory drugs because they exacerbate my problems."

Dick diagnosed himself when he stumbled across a description of fluoroquinolone toxicity syndrome on the internet.



Richard Hancocks, aka Dick Decent, with partner, Sara Beardes and children Sophie and Harry

He is calling on the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency to take action to alert medics to the dangers of prescribing fluoroquinolone.

MHRA spokesman Shagufta Hailes, said: "Fluoroquinolones remain important antibiotics in the management of bacterial infections. Fluoroquinolone toxicity syndrome is not a specific, recognised side effect of this class of antibiotics."

"However, fluoroquinolones may be associated with a range of side effects in some people, and some people may develop more than one side effect."

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New tactic over rise in stray horse problems

VETS could be called to sedate stray horses roaming in the Black Country in a bid to clear them from the streets. Councillors have been cracking down on the problem.

However, bailiffs are struggling to catch the horses.

Sandwell Council safety boss Councillor Derek Rowley said the aim in the new year was to get a grip on the problem.

He said there have been more reports of roaming horses in the Coneygree Road area of Tipton.

He said: "We are getting a number of sightings, but it is often difficult for us to catch and secure them."

"We are hoping to talk to the staff and vets at Dudley Zoo, and try and find a way to sedate the horses in order for us to remove them from the roads. We hope they will be able to help us."

He added: "The loose horses are dangerous. If they get onto the Birmingham New Road, it will be very bad news. If we can sedate them, we can safely remove them without causing a danger to the public."

Councillor Rowley said currently bailiffs are called

by Naomi Dunning

in when the horses are sighted. The animals are tethered and then lead to a horse box. Council officers have also tried erecting temporary fencing around the horses to help the bailiffs secure the animals.

Councillor Rowley added: "These horses, however, get excited and are more wild than other horses so it is often difficult to tether them, as they run off."

He said he hoped by herding the horses into open space and then sedating them using a dart, they could be removed safely.

The council will consult with vets. Since April this year police have been rounding up stray horses in Pensnett and Brierley Hill areas following a new agreement with Dudley Council.

Dudley Zoo said it could not help but advised the council to consult with equestrian veterinary surgeons on sedation.

Poppy sales soar



Organiser Isabel Beebe with collectors, husband Don and John and Hazel Moore

POPPY sellers are celebrating after their annual collection raised more than £22,000 in less than two weeks. Volunteers from the Royal British Legion in Tipton saw sales soar in the run up to Remembrance Sunday with 2,200 more than the previous year – an increase of about 11 per cent.

Organiser Isabel Beebe said it was the largest haul she had seen in her two years in charge. Fourteen volunteers sold poppies in town centres and supermarkets. Mrs Beebe said: "I would like to thank all who contributed for their generosity." The legion also thanked staff from Asda in Great Bridge and Tipton and the Co-op, Tipton.

Group seeks leading lady

AN AMATEUR drama group is looking for an actress to star in a production. The Once Removed Theatre Company, based in Cookley, Kidderminster, is appealing for someone aged between 20 and 40 to appear in a comedy called Murdered to Death. The show will run at the Rose Theatre in Kidderminster from March 22 to 24.

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Do we really need all 600 MPs?

PAT McFadden quite rightly argues that local community identity is a key issue in looking at the way we wish to be seen and democratically represented.

What we are missing in this debate is the need to fundamentally question the functions and therefore the composition and size of Westminster Parliament. What is best dealt with at the regional, the local and national levels.

What is the case for 600 or 200 MPs? It's argued we still need 600 so that all constituencies are roughly the same size in terms of voters and that they maintain the local link. Clearly not all

constituencies will generate the same amount of local work and more fundamentally, we need to question why members of Parliament should be spending much of their time and taxpayers resources on local issues.

We all know that people do not stay still, they move around and the populations of local areas go up and down.

It is inevitable with the approach proposed that boundaries will continually have to be revised.

So much for the argument that the link between MPs and the local is paramount.

With Scotland, Wales, Northern

Ireland and more especially London well down the devolution track with more to come, the functions of Westminster and its size and costs have to be questioned.

We are in sight of Westminster becoming, on domestic matters, a wholly English Parliament with decisions about policies in Newcastle, Penzance and Dudley all being taken in London or by its agents. England is too complex for this approach to be sustainable and any outcomes, rather than numbers an alternative is needed.

GEORGE MORRAN
Woodsetton, Dudley

One owner spoiling it for all other dog walkers

FOR the past six months a friend of mine has enjoyed walking her male puppy over a nearby common.

However, these daily walks have recently been spoiled owing to the thoughtless actions of another dog walker.

Someone has persisted in walking their bitch, who is in season, off the lead on the common.

My friend has been asked to "call her dog" who is being a 'nuisance' to this owner's animal. I wonder why? It is irresponsible to walk a bitch in season, off the lead, in a public place, where dogs are also exercised. Do they not know that male dogs can detect her scent for long distances?

One inconsiderate dog owner can spoil it for the majority.

JACKIE WORTON
Brierley Hill

LETTERS to the Editor

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Leaky roof just tops off eyesore centre

Ho! Ho! Ho! The new £18.5m leisure centre with a 25-metre swimming pool that has just opened in Bilston has got a leaky roof, it's a good job

Bilston comes under the City of Wolverhampton, because if it came under the Dudley Borough it would probably have been closed down and demolished.

Saying that, my own opinion of this new leaky roof leisure centre is that I always thought that new buildings had to blend in with the surrounding area, as far as I can see this leisure centre blends in with nothing - it's just a great big grotesque structure with nothing to compliment it at all.

It looks more like an incinerator plant, but then again, I live in Coseley so I am biased because we had a 33-metre swimming pool that only needed an alleged £2m for repairs including, as we were led to believe, a new roof for the first time in nearly 50 years, and it was a more superior building.

MR & MRS JORDAN, Coseley

Not just kids who watch the television

I WONDER if the television programme planners ever stop to consider what it is like to be old and unable to leave the four walls of the house.

Perhaps if they did there would not have been children's programmes on every channel during the mornings over the Christmas period.

I realise that children are on school holidays, but why can't they use just one channel for the children and put something for adult viewing on the other. To be subjected to children's films, cartoons and quiz programmes day after day is bordering on cruelty.

My poor 91-year-old mother was tearing her hair out and she has us to visit her, many do not have anyone. Television is the only companion that many elderly people have.

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Work finally starting on glass site after delays

Work to repair a former glass-works will get under way next week after months of delays – kick-starting plans for a £5 million museum at the site.

Problems with an insurance claim have held up the work at the old Stuart Crystal factory in Wordsley after a huge blaze ripped through the building in May.

Developers originally expected the repairs to be done within weeks of the fire but it has been set back by a series of problems. The start date has been put back a number of times.

However, bosses insist it can go ahead after the new year celebrations. They want to get it done so planning can continue for a £5m glass museum

linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone, via an underground tunnel. The roof needs to be removed as it is still resting in the position where it collapsed during the fire.

The upper levels of the walls will be taken down as they were badly damaged by the flames.

Damaged

David Freer, director of site owners Complex Developments, said: "The work will get started and should only take a maximum of four weeks with a good headwind. There have been a few problems and we wanted to get it all done before the weather gets too bad."

Mr Freer said that the overall timescale for the museum project should not be affected. An application

for European funding is currently being drawn up and should be submitted in the coming months.

There were fears the building would have to be demolished, throwing the scheme into doubt, but engineers decided that the main structure could be saved after it underwent a series of inspections. The blaze in May also gutted the building and left a great deal of damage to some walls.

Since then there have also been a number of vandalism attacks which included an arson attack in one of the other six units on the site.

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Family and friends pay tribute to grandfather

A RETIRED electrical engineer from the Black Country who died after being hit by a car was "one in a million" who will be much-missed, family and friends have said.

by Lee Watton

Tributes have been paid to 86-year-old grandfather Gwilym John who was struck by a Mazda car while out walking in Oxted, Surrey. Mr John, of Halesowen, had been visiting his family.

He was on his way to meet friends when the collision took place last Friday.

His son, Hywel, described his father as a loving man who had remained active throughout his life. "He used to go swimming two or three times a week and loved to take his neighbour's dog for a walk," he said.

"My father suffered a stroke earlier this year and through hard-work and determination learned to walk again. This is why it is all the more tragic for him to lose his life in this way."

Mr John, who was an electrical engineer at the GEC Plant in Blackheath for many years, was staying

with his son, daughter-in-law Helen and grandchildren Carys, 14, and Owain, 12, over Christmas.

He had lived in Halesowen for more than 40 years after leaving his native Wales first for Scotland and then Leeds.

Mr John had lived alone since the death of his wife, Mabel, in 2006. The couple had been married for 47 years.

He came from a mining family in Swansea and was the first to attend grammar school and later University College in London.

His son added: "My father really was one in a million."

"He was quick-witted with a quip to draw humour from any situation and always liked to come down and spend time with us."

Mr John's neighbour and friend for 42 years Jack Cartwright said: "He was a lovely man."

100th show for Paul



Paul Carr at Holy Trinity Church where he will be giving an organ recital

AN ORGANIST will celebrate performing his milestone 100th concert at a Black Country church this month.

Paul Carr, aged 37, will be playing his favourite pieces at the latest in his series of Sunday Afternoon Organ Music concerts at Holy Trinity Church, in Wordsley High Street, on January 8 at 3pm.

Mr Carr is president of the Birmingham Organists Association and director of music at St Paul's Church in the city's Jewellery Quarter. He originally performed at a Methodist church in Cradley Heath up until about eight years ago when it closed.

"It is great to have reached my 100th show and I'm really looking forward to performing some of my favourites," said Mr Carr, from Amblecot. Among the pieces will be Prelude and Fugue in B by Marcel Dupré and Mr Carr will be seen in action projected onto a large screen at the front of the church.

Appeal for therapists

A cancer charity in the Black Country is appealing for qualified complementary therapists to volunteer to provide free sessions for patients. The White House Cancer Support in Dudley offers a variety of services including support groups, relaxation classes and free complementary therapy sessions to patients and their carers. Anyone interested can call 01384 231232.



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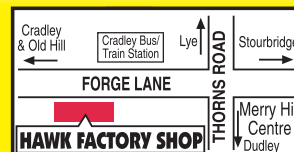
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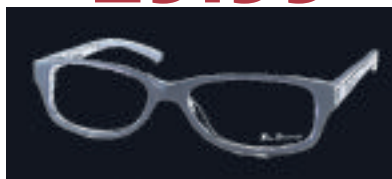
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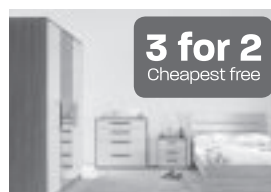
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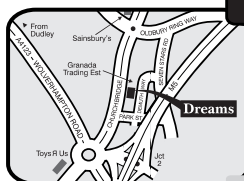


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Julie's talk
on efforts
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W'TON SOROPTIMISTS

CLUB members welcomed Julie Flavell to a recent meeting.

Julie spoke on the charity Welcome St George's and how it aims to raise awareness of the plight of thousands of people living in the garbage villages around Cairo and raising funds to do something about it.

There are currently 26,000 people living in one village called Mottamadia which Julie says is about the size of Bilbrook and Codsall put together. Members were shown pictures of the conditions in which these people live, and tried to imagine themselves existing among piles of rubbish.

The families collect 60 per cent of Cairo's rubbish and take it back to the village where the women and children sort through it to salvage what they can make use of, or re-cycle to raise money to live. The rubbish is then burned and Julie said that the atmosphere and smell of the burning rubbish is horrendous.

For the past 10 years or so funds have been raised to build classrooms, provide teaching equipment, install a computer room and build modern, hygienic toilet and wash facilities within St George's Church, the Coptic Christian Church which is spearheading this work with the families and children.

Members were very moved by the plight of these families and had much praise for Julie and the people associated with the essential work they do.

Keith's in the frame
with his star quality



From Left: Kidderminster joint president Stephanie Ainsley, speaker Keith Turley, Councillor Anne Hingley, Mayor of Kidderminster; Midlands region president Ruth Longville, Stourbridge president Ann Middleton; Kidderminster joint presidents Shirley Bonas and Denise Carson and West Birmingham president Mary McCurry

THE club's November speaker was Keith Turley who talked on his work painting portraits of entertainers and comedians.

Keith recounted the occasions he mixed with the stars including Tony Hancock, Norman Wisdom, Les Dawson, Leslie Phillips, Frankie Howerd, The Goons, Morecombe & Wise to name a few.

Kidderminster Club members welcomed as guests Councillor Anne Hingley, Mayor of Kidderminster, Ruth Longville, Soroptimist Midlands regional president and presidents of Stourbridge and West Birmingham Clubs,

KIDDERMINSTER SOROPTIMISTS

Ann Middleton and Mary McCurry together with members from their clubs.

The next speaker meeting will be on January 19 when joint president Stephanie Ainsley will welcome Hannah Escott who will be recounting her experiences as a Fulbright Scholar. For details call Elke Jury on 01299 266101.

Bells ring out for Christmas

KINGSWIN-FORD TG

THE guild was in festive mood at the December meeting. Members were informed that sub sections will resume in the new year and ladies in the luncheon club will gather at The Harvester. Two visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

After business was concluded, Kingswinford hand bell ringers entertained with seasonal music and everyone was encouraged to sing along. Some tried their hand at ringing with varying success.

Instead of a floral decoration, Margaret Farmer provided a nativity scene which she had knitted, and was greatly admired.

Kath Turner was presented with the ceramic bowl which was designed at an earlier meeting.

Raffle prizes were won by Frankie Baker, Kath

Turner, Josie Smith, Sandra Grey and Lisa Wharton, one of the visitors.

A box was put out so that those who preferred to donate to charity instead of giving cards could do so.

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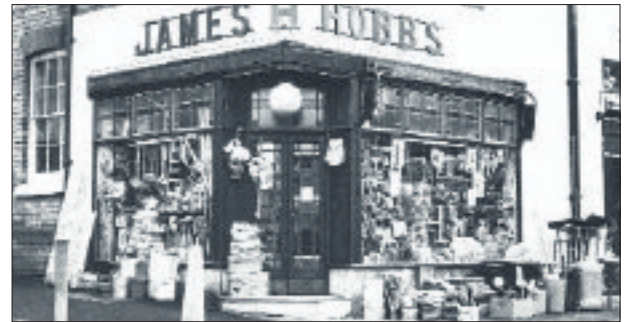
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The Maypole Dairy in Dudley's Market Place was typical of the kind of grocery store that used an overhead cash-carrying system to connect counters to the cashier



Maiden & Evans, of High Street, Dudley, display the meat in the traditional way before the First World War



James Hobbs' shop in Halesowen has now closed but in this 1980s picture we see the traditional approach to the ironmonger to the problem of displaying his wares

The days when shopping was a hands-on business

ALTHOUGH memories traditionally associated with Christmas concern carol singing, trees, families and large meals, snowballs and sleigh bells and yule logs, the other ritual at Christmas is the mysterious business of "shopping".

Last year an amazing amount of Christmas shopping will have taken place on the internet, and crowds will be drawn to places like Merry Hill where shopping is celebrated as one of the nation's favourite family-orientated leisure activities.

Even so, every person old enough to enjoy the delights of a senior citizen's bus pass will recall a different world of shopping in which our Black Country town centres played a greater part.

Like so many other activities, shopping is now a subject that evokes nostalgia when it comes to our memories of how things were

MEMORY LANE

by Ned Williams

done in the not-so-distant past. One example is the over-head cash carriers – a network of wires almost a ceiling level – connecting shop counters to cashiers' offices.

Little metal canisters clattered along these wires conveying the bill and our money to the shop's central cashier. The return trip brought us our change and the receipt.

Grocery stores such as those run by George Mason, or the Co-operative Societies, favoured these carriers. The last one in the Black Country ceased to function in 1987. It had been used in a menswear shop in Cross Street, Willenhall.

Every trade had features that have now become fond memories. One trade that seems to exhibit a sense of history and tradition is the preparation and sale of meat. Many butchers' shops are still local family

businesses, and many promote nostalgia but putting a picture of their business "back in grand-dad's day" on display.

These often show a shop-front covered in displays of meat. Sometimes staff pose with the tools of their trade – evoking such phrases as "family butcher" and "slaughtered on the premises".

Think of a butcher and you will find that you recall wonderful tiled interiors, worn wooden chopping blocks and a world where there was always sawdust on the floor. If such memories seem gruesome allow yourself to dwell on the memories of other shops – perhaps you liked sweet shops where the products were all stored in large jars, or pharmacies where rows of drawers behind the counter seemed to contain every conceivable cure for every condition.

Some dream of shoe shops that seemed like caves lined with thousands of cardboard boxes, or toyshops that were especially enticing to children.



Teddy Gray's shop in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, was a traditional confectioner's shop – selling the family's own brands of sweets and herbal remedies



Henry Morrell's menswear shop when it was in Hall Street, Dudley, has been now been reconstructed at the Black Country Living Museum as a typical example of a gent's outfitters

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Brewery in pledge over refurbishment of pub

A BREWERY has promised it will refurbish a landmark Black Country pub later this year after plans to carry out the work were delayed last year.

The Thorns pub, Quarry Bank, was expected to open sometime during last July or August but this was delayed as detailed plans were drawn up for the site.

And in September, bosses from Marston's Brewery said the scheme had been delayed indefinitely and it was not known when the refurbishment would be carried on the public house.

But the brewery have said the work would be taking place later this year but it was seeking new tenants to take over the site before any of the work would be carried out at the pub.

Recruitment is now under way and the brewery is hoping to have the pub up-and-running as early as possible this year once new bosses have been found to take over the site.

Bosses said they wanted whoever would be running the site to have a say in its refurbishment which is why people needed to be in place before any designs were eventually finalised.

Brewery spokesman Liz Slee said: "We are looking to refurbish The Thorns Inn next year and are currently in the process of recruiting new tenants to run this popular pub."

The pub which was well known for its carvery could again be reintroduced to food service when the site reopens.

New shelters at bus station



New bus shelters installed in Gornal Wood

WORK HAS started on a £14,000 scheme to replace bus shelters at a busy, but outdated, bus station in the Black Country.

Stands have been removed at Gornal Wood bus station and four new shelters installed in their place.

It marks the end of a year-long project to improve the station, in the heart of Gornal village. The new shelters will have full power and lighting to help security. Centro says they have also been specially designed to allow the future installation of real-time information screens.

These will tell passengers exactly when their next bus will arrive.

Work started at the bus station, which is used by hundreds of passengers, earlier this week with removal of the old stands.

Centro has previously said the size of the station will not be altered due to the number

of buses which use the site and to allow for any expansion of services in the future.

Talks between the transport authority and Dudley Council have been ongoing for most of the year to find the best way of improving the station.

Plans were agreed following a meeting earlier this year, and the new shelters were then designed and placed on order.

Centro spokesman Steve Swingle said: "Work has now started on removing the old shelters and the new ones are being installed."

"These have been specially designed for this site and to accommodate future upgrades at the station."

"The work should be a big improvement for passengers on the previous shelters at the site. We are delighted the work is now taking place on this development."

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Fizzing funny tour



Actors and comedians Sue Hawkins, Jacky Fellows and Deb Nicholls are now getting into characters

A THEATRE group is embarking on one of its biggest comedy tours to date. Fizzog Theatre Company, in Quarry Bank, will be staging The 50 per cent Funnier Comedy Tour throughout the region next month. Sketches have been written by group founders Sue Hawkins, Jacky Fellows and Deb Nicholls.

The shows, which start on February 9 at the Bridgnorth Theatre on the Steps, will also feature Phoenix Nights star Janice Connolly as her alter-ego Barbara Nice. Other dates booked in February are Netherton Arts Centre - 10 and 17, Birmingham Old Rep theatre on 17 and Wolverhampton's Newhampton Arts Centre 24 and 25. Tickets are £15 and shows start at 7.30pm. Call 01384 816280.

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Hotlines lead to council probes being launched

TWO investigations have been launched by Dudley Council chiefs after a new hotline and website was set up to catch workers suspected of stealing or misusing resources.

The hotline was also for catching outside groups which falsely obtain contracts or grants.

The authority set up the scheme in October so people and workers can blow the whistle on staff or groups they believe are wrongly using the authority's cash and equipment.

Excellent

Councillor David Blood, cabinet member for finance, said: "The fraud hotline is receiving an average of five calls per month."

He added: "This is an excellent start. So far we have two investigations on going and no prosecutions to date."

"Taxpayers, service users, local people and the council all have a vested interest in ensuring that council money

and property is protected from those who seek to steal or misuse it."

As part of the scheme residents and council staff are able to report any suspicion of fraud which will then be investigated by a specialist team.

This includes fraudulently getting cash people are not entitled to, including payments for contracts, supplies or grants. It can also include the stealing or misusing of council resources, such as stores, equipment, vehicles or buildings belonging to the authority.

Suspected fraud can be reported at www.dudley.gov.uk/fraud, on the 01384 814242 hotline where people can record a message or by letter to head of audit services at Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 1HF.

Have a say on services

THE PUBLIC will be given a say on plans to move two libraries and make a third share its building. A consultation is being launched on the proposals for Wyre Forest as part of a review to save £1.8 million. Bosses have approved proposals to move other services into the Kidderminster Library building.

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in brief

TOWIE inspires Facebook page

A FACEBOOK page inspired by The Only Way is Essex (TOWIE), which sings the praises of a Black Country borough, has more than 7,500 fans.

The Only Way is Dudley was set up by Steven Edwards of Brierley Hill.

More than 3,000 fans joined in four months – and Steven is aiming for 10,000. T-shirts have been produced with the group's logo, which features Dudley Castle.

Steven, a factory loader, aged 27, said he wanted to showcase Dudley.

Members post photos of their nights out and discuss what is going on in the borough. Steven's girlfriend, Rebecca Turner, 26, a budding model, has put some photos on the site to add glamour.

Fitness help is on offer for families

FAMILIES are being invited to take part in two fitness workouts being staged in Worcestershire in January. People are invited to take part in walks and cardiovascular workouts at Burlish Top, the Kingsway, Stourport, at 1pm to 1.30pm and 2pm to 2.30pm on January 15 and 22.

Free walking tour

WALKERS can discover more about Halesowen and Stourbridge during a free guided walk.

It starts from the Hub Building in Huntingtree Park at 10am on February 6. Families will be taken on a tour of the area.

Public objections prompt a rethink on gipsy site bid

FOUR of seven sites being considered for controversial gipsy and traveller pitches look set to be dropped after public objections. Wyre Forest District Council has been looking at seven potential sites in the district as part of a public consultation which has recently finished.

Lighting theft outside church

THIEVES stole floodlights from outside a Wyre Forest church during a Christmas carol service, police have revealed.

A councillor has now issued an urgent appeal for information to help catch the culprits who struck at St Peter and St Paul Church in Rock, near Bewdley over the festive period.

Three floodlights mounted on 7ft telescopic, metal stands had been placed outside to illuminate a new path which is currently being built to provide disabled access to the building.

However, when the service finished at around 5.15pm on Sunday, people walked out into darkness.

Connected

The floodlights had been stolen along with three extension leads connected to them. Church warden John Nott said that the floodlights, which were on yellow stands, had been borrowed from a parishioner and the church would now have to reimburse him.

He said: "I'm appalled that anyone would stoop so low and take these lights from the church while we were all inside enjoying the service."

"We will have to try and find some other way of lighting the path now as it could be dangerous if the weather turns icy."

Police are eager to hear from anyone who saw anyone acting suspiciously near the church.

But it has been announced the ruling Tory party has decided not to support the sites at Lea Castle Hospital in Kidderminster, Stourport Road in Bewdley, Sion Hill Middle School in Kidderminster and Manor farm in Stourport. It comes after strong opposition at a series of meetings where residents said the land was unsuitable.

Although it will be up to the full council to decide exactly which sites are included on the final list, the decision is likely to go through as the Tories are the ruling party.

Council leader John Campion said: "The people have spoken and we will act. It was right that the council put some of the sites recommended from the independent consultations out to public consultation."

Emotional

"We will now continue to work with the scrutiny process in the new year to identify how the unmet demand will now be met. It will ultimately be full council next year that will decide which sites are included but we feel it is right that we tell our community our position at this early stage."

A farmer who made an emotional plea to council bosses to rethink proposals for a travellers' site on his farm has spoken of his relief that the site now looks set to be dropped.

Tim Barnes, who works the land at Manor Farm in Stourport, feared his farm would be put in jeopardy when council bosses announced it was one of seven sites being included in a consultation to find 43 more pitches for gipsies and travellers by 2022.

Mr Barnes said: "We don't know how to feel, it is wonderful news that it looks like it is going off but we have been so distressed by it all. It seems like it has been a waste of time and they are no further forward with it. We would just like to thank anyone who supported us."

Charity worker off on travels



Jaiya Bhandari, 22, prepares for her charity trip to Peru

A DEDICATED Black Country charity worker will travel to Peru to work with disadvantaged youngsters and help construct new buildings in a shanty town.

Jaiya Bhandari, aged 22, was due to fly out to Ecuador on January 4 before travelling on to Villa Maria, outside Lima.

Over the course of a month she will work with youngsters in the town helping them to stay out of trouble during their summer holidays by providing lessons and activities. And before that she will spend three weeks learning Spanish at an intensive course in Ecuador.

As part of her work in the shanty town she will help to provide youngsters with a place to go and take them for swimming lessons which youngsters would not be able to afford otherwise.

Jaiya, of Bishops Walk, Cradley Heath, hopes to raise £700 for the trip which will help pay for materials to construct new buildings in the town and fund the activities for youngsters. She said: "It is something I have wanted to do for a long time."

The former Wolverhampton Grammar School pupil can be sponsored by logging onto www.virginmoneygiving.com/jaiyabhandari

Pictures of railway history on show

HUNDREDS of photographs from the golden age of railway travel will go on display and collectors will be able to buy prints when a museum stages an event.

Kidderminster Railway Museum will stage a photograph fair at its base, off Comberton Hill, on January 7 from 10am until 4.30pm.

Collectors will bring in their own selection of photographs and the museum will also display a selection from its own archive of more than 140,000 images. Admission to the event is free.

Other photograph fairs will be held at the venue on Easter Monday, August 11 and December 29.

Staff at the museum will also host a series of film shows during the year where images of steam engines and railway life are screened. The events are scheduled to take place on January 14 and 28, February 11 and 25, March 10 and 31 and April 14.

More events are expected to be held at the museum during the year but have still to be confirmed.

Garden plan

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6.35 The Magicians. New series. Darren McMullen presents the magic contest in a new live format, which sees internationally renowned acts team up with celebrities to prove who is the best.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. New series. Game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Presented by Nick Knowles.

8.40 Casualty. The refurbished ED opens for the first time since the fire, and the staff are stretched to their limits by a traffic accident and a poisonous gas leak.

10.00 BBC News: Weather: National Lottery Update. **10.20** FILM: Die Hard with a Vengeance. (1995) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis.

12.20 FILM: AWOL: Absent Without Leave. (1990) Action adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** FILM: Nobody Runs Forever. (1968) **1.40** FILM: Duel in the Sun. (1946) Western, starring Gregory Peck. **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Further coverage of the opening day at the Lakeside Country Club. **5.35** FILM: Jason and the Argonauts. (1963) Fantasy, starring Todd Armstrong.

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8.30 Steptoe and Son. Guest starring Leonard Rossiter. (R)

9.00 Fawcett Towers. Basil decides to enhance the hotel's reputation with an exclusive night of gourmet cuisine. Unfortunately, his new chef takes too much of a shine to Manuel. (R)

9.30 Comedy Connections. The story of Monty Python. (R)

10.00 Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975. With the Rolling Stones, Peter Sarstedt, Stevie Wonder and Julie Driscoll. (R)

11.30 Darts: BDO World Championships.

12.20 Darts Extra. **2.20** FILM: Devils of Darkness. (1965) Horror, with William Sylvester. **3.45** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News; Weather. **9.30** FILM: The Perfect Man. (2005) Romantic comedy, with Hilary Duff and Heather Locklear. **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **12.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** FILM: Catwoman. (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. **3.40** FILM: Jurassic Park. (1993) Action adventure, starring Sam Neill.

6.00 Regional Programmes. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** New You've Been Framed! Featuring a dog with a light sabre.

7.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. More of the show's funniest moments.

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10.30 ITV News; Weather. **10.45** Celebrity Juice. With guests Ant and Dec and Professor Green.

11.30 FA Cup Football Highlights.

1.00 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.50** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Grid. (R) **7.25** GT Academy. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Hollyoaks Best Bits 2011. **10.00** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.10** FILM: T4: California Man. (1992) Teen comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.05 Channel 4 News. **6.35** 4thought.tv. **6.40** FILM: Big Momma's House 2. (2006) Comedy sequel, starring Martin Lawrence, Nia Long and Emily Procter.

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8.30 The Bank Job. Final of the game show, presented by George Lamb. Last in the series.

10.00 FILM: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story. (2004) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller.

11.50 FILM: LA Confidential. (1997) Thriller, starring Russell Crowe.

2.15 A Ninja Is for Life. Not Just for Christmas. (R) **2.25** Emily's Song. (R) **2.40** St Elsewhere. (R) **3.25** Britain BC. (R) **4.25** Hugh's Fish Fight: The Battle Continues. (R) **5.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.30** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.30** FILM: The Slipper and the Rose. (1976) Musical version of Cinderella, with Gemma Craven. **3.10** FILM: From Here to Eternity. (1953) Second World War drama, starring Burt Lancaster. **5.30** FILM: While You Were Sleeping. (1995) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman.

7.30 5 News Weekend. **7.35** NCIS. Gibbs discovers a link between the murder of a petty officer and the break-up of his team, leading him and new director Leon Vance to unravel the mystery. (R)

8.30 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the new housemates' first full day at the mercy of Big Brother, revealing who is playing up for the benefit of the cameras and who is taking a more laid-back approach.

9.45 FILM: Philadelphia. (1993) A gay lawyer with AIDS turns to a former courtroom rival to prove his ex-employers have discriminated against him. Drama, starring an Oscar-winning Tom Hanks, with Denzel Washington and Antonio Banderas.

12.05 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Great Artists. Peter Paul Rubens. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. Two notable Victorian architects. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **3.00** Westlife: For the Last Time. **4.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp. **4.30** The Cube. **5.30** All Star Family Fortunes. **6.30** FILM: About a Boy (2002) **8.30** Take Me Out - The Gossip. **9.15** FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) **11.20** FILM: Ocean's Twelve (2004)

ITV3 **2.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **4.55** A Touch of Frost. **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme. **8.00** Doc Martin. **9.00** Foyle's War. **11.05** FILM: Sophie's Choice (1982)

ITV4 **2.10** FILM: Morning Departure (1950) **4.15** FILM: Dunkirk (1958) **7.00** The Sweeney. **8.00** Minder. Arthur and Ray take to the water. **9.00** FILM: Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10** FILM: Nighthawks (1981)

BBC THREE **7.00** Sherlock. **8.30** Top Gear: India Special. **10.05** Most Annoying People of 2011. **11.00** Family Guy. **11.50** American Dad!

BBC FOUR **7.00** Serengeti: Unnatural Histories. **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity. **9.00** Borgen. **11.00** Timeshift: The Smoking Years

E4 **1.25** Hollyoaks. **4.00** Desperate Scousewives. **5.00** Scrubs. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **7.00** Happy Endings. **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. **8.00** Rules of Engagement. **8.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** FILM: Cruel Intentions (1999) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **11.55** The Cleveland Show

FILM4 **2.55** Batman (1966) **5.00** Hocus Pocus (1993) **6.50** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **9.00** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009) The shape-changing robots fight for control of a planet-destroying machine hidden somewhere on Earth. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf. **11.45** Wolf Creek (2005)

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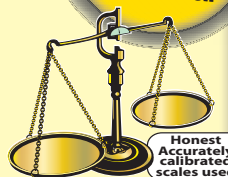
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6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.05** EastEnders. **2.00** Bargain Hunt. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **4.30** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Celebrity Mastermind.

6.05 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker unveils a new land art installation on the Wolds Way in East Worsshire, while Ellie Harrison visits David Hockney at his home and John Craven talks to David Cameron.

7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts examine valuables and rarities at Hartland Abbey in Devon, including the notebooks of a plane-spotter who may have witnessed Glenn Miller's last flight.

8.30 Sherlock. Holmes and Watson head to the countryside to investigate the peculiar case of a monstrous hound stalking the wilds of Dartmoor.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

10.25 The One Lenny Henry. The comedian presents a mixture of stand-up and sketches. (R)

11.05 FILM: Grumpy Old Men. (1993) Comedy, starring Jack Lemmon.

12.45 The Sky at Night. **1.05** Weather. **1.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.10** Hobby City. (R) **3.10** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: One of Our Dinosaurs Is Missing. (1975) **1.00** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. **4.45** Ski Sunday. **5.30** Flog It!

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6.00 How to Build a Nuclear Submarine. Documentary exploring three British engineering companies, beginning with the construction of HMS Astute, the Royal Navy's biggest attack submarine, at a cost exceeding £1 billion. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tests the Renaultsport Twingo 133 in Belfast, Richard Hammond tries his hand at airport vehicle racing, and Guy Ritchie is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.

8.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls explores the extraordinary underwater ecosystem.

9.00 To Boldly Go - Down. Part one of two. How mankind survives underwater.

10.00 FILM: Adventureland. (2009) Premiere. Teen comedy, starring Jesse Eisenberg.

11.40 Darts: BDO World Championships. Highlights from the second day at the Lakeside Country Club.

12.30 Darts Extra. **2.30** BBC News.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News: Weather. **9.30** FA Cup Football Highlights. (R) **11.00** Dancing on Ice Live Tour 2011. (R) **12.00** ITV News: Weather. **12.05** You've Been Framed! (R) **12.30** Live FA Cup Football. Manchester City v Manchester United (Kick-off 1.00pm) and Peterborough United v Sunderland (Kick-off 3.30pm).

6.00 Regional Programmes. **6.15** ITV News: Weather.

6.30 Dancing on Ice. New series. The competition returns with a new-look judging panel.

8.30 Wild at Heart. New series. A confrontation with Peeters pushes Danny to breaking point.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two least popular celebrities have to skate again.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show.

10.30 ITV News: Weather. **10.45** FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from four matches in the third round of the competition.

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union.

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12.45 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Ladette to Lady: Australia. Eight brash Australians visit Teesdale's Eggleston Hall to learn about etiquette, but reports of unruly antics on the flight give the tutors a taste of what lies ahead. (R) **3.00** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.55** Freeports on 4. **7.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.45** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.40** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **12.50** Film: T4: Ever After: A Cinderella Story. (1998) Romantic drama, starring Drew Barrymore and Dougray Scott. **3.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.40** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **4.15** Deal or No Deal. **5.15** Channel 4 News. **5.45** 4thought.tv. **5.50** Film: The Devil Wears Prada. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep.

8.00 The Hotel. Mark decides to entertain his guests with a party night.

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9.00 FILM: (500) Days of Summer. (2009)

Premiere. A man looks back on his brief relationship with the woman he loves, remembering events in a random order. Romantic comedy, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

10.50 FILM: Employee of the Month. (2006) Comedy, starring Dane Cook and Dax Shepard.

12.50 Comic's Choice: Jessica Hynes. (R) **1.45** Reasons to Be Cheerful: Hallo Friend. (R) **2.00** The Pawn King. (R) **2.30** Secret History: Sex and the Swastika. (R) **3.25** Monte Cassino: The Soldiers' Story. (R) **4.25** This Is Me. (R) **4.30** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igan Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.30** Miao Mao. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Angelina Ballerina. **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.55** Film: Return to Oz. (1985) **3.00** Film: Candleshoe. (1977) **5.00** 5 News Weekend. **5.05** Film: Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984) Drama, starring Christopher Lambert.

7.40 FILM: SWAT. (2003) A disgraced cop redeems himself by joining an elite unit charged with guarding a notorious prisoner. Action thriller, with Samuel L. Jackson.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. All the action from the star-studded compound.

11.00 FILM: Reservoir Dogs. (1992) Thriller, starring Harvey Keitel.

1.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.15** Great Scientists. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hanaf's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.00 I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever **4.00** I'm a Celebrity: Jungle Gold **5.00** You've Been Framed: Top 100 Animals **6.00** Film: Casper (1995) **8.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **10.00** Film: The Bodyguard (1992)

ITV3
3.50 Foyle's War **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis: A student Shakespeare production ends in murder. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
2.40 Film: Dunkirk (1958) **5.25** Film: The Dam Busters (1954) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Keeper (2009) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **11.00** Film: Play Misty for Me (1971)

BBC THREE
7.00 Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008) **9.15** Live at the Apollo **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.35** Film: Donnie Darko (2001)

BBC FOUR
7.00 A Little Later **7.15** The Story of Musicals **8.15** Film: Kiss Me Kate (1953) **10.00** Sings the Great American Songbook **11.00** The Story of Musicals

E4
3.40 Being Erica **4.35** Samantha Who? **5.05** Film: Alaska (1996) **7.10** 90210 **8.05** Film: Mean Girls (2004) **10.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Rhod Gilbert & the Cat That Looked Like Nicholas Lyndhurst

FILM4
3.15 Avalanche Express (1979) **5.00** King Solomon's Mines (1950) **7.05** Turner & Hooch (1989) A cop investigating a murder has only one witness to help him solve the case - the victim's dog. Family comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **9.00** Along Came a Spider (2001) A police psychologist goes in search of a senator's daughter who has been kidnapped by a psychotic teacher. Thriller prequel, with Morgan Freeman. **11.05** The 51st State (2001)

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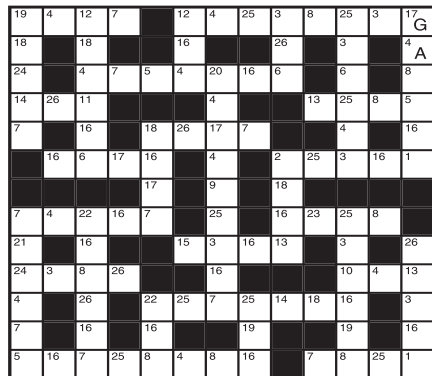
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

A	Y	X	M	J	N	D	R	Q	B	V	L	P
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- No fixed abode (5,7)
- Turn away a sick man who came back (5)
- It's not long young! (5)
- Where they deal with complaints? (3)
- One having a sea-view, perhaps? (3-6)
- Nothing further on Rome, strangely enough (2,4)
- Watch someone chasing animals? (6)
- Organised in pompous fashion (9)
- It helps to make a room attractive (3)
- Grieve for a doctor with a pot! (5)
- She inspired the lyrics in the opera Tosca (5)
- By whom hotel guests may be taken in (12)

Down

- A party diversion that gives rise to conjectures (8,4)
- Bark from many a poplar (3)
- Blind ones won't be able to lead you anywhere (6)
- Quality, but rate it differently (9)
- Keep away from a hole, perhaps (5)
- What an expert in depreciation makes? (3,5,2,2)
- Kingdom that's genuine to many (5)
- Steps on the granary floor (4,5)
- Time for music (5)
- Conceal half of it as secret (6)
- An inspiration to entertain (5)
- Past a green light? (3)

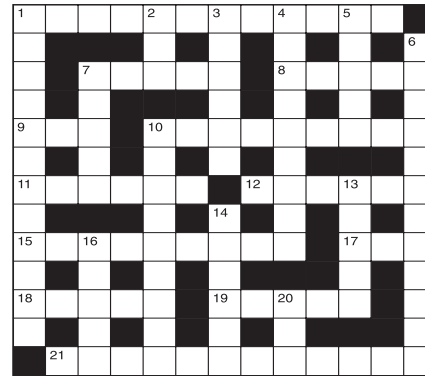
Quick Clues:

Across

- December 24th (9,3)
- Guide (5)
- Manmade fibre (5)
- Regret (3)
- Get rid of (9)
- Extent (6)
- Of public revenue (6)
- Deliberately (2,7)
- Entreat (3)
- Additional (5)
- Muscle (5)
- Alter direction (6,6)

Down

- Airfield command post (7,5)
- Observe (3)
- Edge (6)
- Responsive (9)
- Large detached house (5)
- Understandable (12)
- Severe (5)
- Amuse (9)
- Ship's room (5)
- Two-fold (6)
- Toss (5)
- Fuss (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Embrace; 8 Points; 9 Alimony; 10 Nassau; 11 Sermon; 12 Contacts; 18 Rescript; 20 Reward; 21 Cutter; 22 Napping; 23 Charge; 24 Seattle. Down: 1 Spinach; 2 Missing; 3 Strata; 5 Molasses; 6 Remark; 7 Cannot; 13 Cardinal; 14 Sitters; 15 Starter; 16 Debate; 17 Carpet; 19 Caught. QUICK - Across: 4 Rivalry; 8 Reacts; 9 Sparing; 10 Change; 11 Defile; 12 Probable; 18 Retrieve; 20 Aplomb; 21 Blithe; 22 Restore; 23 Height; 24 Retract. Down: 1 Precept; 2 Paragon; 3 Stigma; 5 Impudent; 6 Adrift; 7 Rankle; 13 Barbaric; 14 Vertigo; 15 Beneath; 16 Apiece; 17 Porter; 19 Relief.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

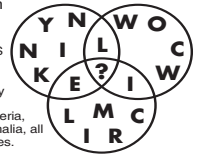
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The rear garden is mostly lawn with a good selection of shrubs, trees and a patio



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The best is yet to come if the weather changes

CURSE this infernal weather. The one thing you think you can rely on is the irritation of British weather, but even that has been a total letdown.

All summer long I've been dreaming of an entirely white winter in order to maximise the smugness of being behind the wheel of this Q5: four-wheel-drive, high driving position, heated seats and even a heated cupholder.

Yet in my part of the world at least, the temperature has barely been cold enough to qualify as autumn.

In fact, it was only a few weeks ago that the Q5 was pressed into service for family holiday duties, one activity that usually guarantees rain.



The Q5 3.0-litre TDI has a 0-60 time of 6.5 seconds

By Matt Joy

Yet the sun beat down on the Q5's grey metallic paintwork and I've still yet to vacuum the sand from the back seats. It made for a brilliant holiday vehicle though, as there was not even the need to use the roof rails.

All the assorted paraphernalia that two boys under five could muster was easily stuffed into the generous boot. Even mum and dad had the luxury of taking more than one change of clothes.

The run down to the south coast was a cinch too. Barely ticking over at 70mph, the 3.0-litre TDI diesel had no problem in achieving 40mpg or more, and yet the inevitable sluggish lorries were despatched with a brief squirt of acceleration.

Luxuries

The Q5 has the attentions of the boy racer brigade. Yet the 0-62mph time of 6.5 seconds leaves most of them trailing in its wake.

I've also become far too accustomed to the Q5's little luxuries.

The standard black leather trim is probably hiding a multitude of sins, especially due to its black finish, while the Bluetooth connectivity and Audi Music Interface (iPhone or iPod connector to you and me) means I can listen to my awful music collection and make calls on the move, before arriving at my destination with a fully-charged phone.

And I'm not ashamed to admit I have used the

climate cupholders on several occasions, even though it feels like an outrageous piece of technology.

I've not even had a chance to try out the Q5's towing pack, though if I have my way, the heavens will truly open and I'll be towing everything in sight out of a ditch.

Happily, the Q5 is already booked in to get a set of winter tyres next week, hopefully before the snow descends, and in fairness to the solid Quattro four-wheel drive system, it can only work with what the tyres can do.

The winter boots are designed to work optimally at temperatures below 7C, which has only really happened in the last week.

The softer compound keeps it flexible when summer tyres start to stiffen up, and at 2am this morning on a damp and cold road, the first signs of the summer rubber starting to struggle were there.

Not that you'd notice the Q5 breaking sweat. Unflappable and totally dependable is the best way to sum up its performance.

Not a thing has gone wrong, malfunctioned or even gone mildly on the blink.

The biggest problem I've discovered is that the giant washer bottle takes about 10 minutes to fill up, such is its vast capacity. But then you only have to do it once in a blue moon.

So like every school child in the land, I'm praying for a series of snow days in the coming weeks to shut down all the key buildings and leave no option but to go out and play.



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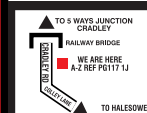
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Striker Jermain Defoe fires in a shot during Tottenham's 1-0 victory over Albion



Spurs defender Younes Kaboul receives attention on the White Hart Lane touchline

Defoe strike sinks Hodgson's battlers

Tottenham 1 Albion 0

IDENTICAL scoreline. Very different feelings. There are 1-0 losses and 1-0 losses.

And two days after a dismal defeat by a single goal at home Everton, a reshuffled, patched-up Albion repaired their damaged pride despite another narrow reverse in north London.

In fact, the final score was pretty much the only thing that Tuesday night's valiant loss at White Hart Lane had in common with the tame New Year's Day giveaway at The Hawthorns.

The outcome might have been the same on paper, but the manner in which Roy Hodgson's side slipped to defeat to Tottenham was entirely different to the way they sleep-walked to their previous loss.

Problems

There was little that was adventurous about the Baggies' performance, which was designed almost entirely to frustrate a Tottenham side who are capable of sweeping aside the lesser lights of the Premier League.

But given the crippling injury problems that meant Hodgson's starting XI all-but picked itself and the scale of the challenge, the Baggies departed the capital with plenty of encouragement.

The defensive battle-plan very nearly worked, thanks to a show of discipline, commitment and endeavour from Hodgson's players.

And the full-time ovation that greeted the men in red confirmed that the travelling supporters approved.

For 63 minutes Albion kept their imposing hosts at bay with a combination of organisation and conviction.

And, once long-time nemesis Jermain Defoe had broken their brave resistance, the Baggies conjured a late but spirited attacking display that gave Harry Redknapp's title-chasers some nervy moments before



Paul Scharner is stopped in his tracks by Tottenham match-winner Jermain Defoe

their hard-fought victory was confirmed. It was an ultimately frustrating evening for Hodgson, and one that could become more costly after winger Jerome Thomas joined the lengthening Hawthorns injury-list.

But with Hodgson's starting line-up featuring four virtual Premier League novices and his substitutes' bench including a half-fit James Morrison, the Baggies head coach had plenty to smile about, not least the confident display of teenager George Thorne in his first top-flight start.

The pattern that most expected for the game began to develop early on, with Tottenham forcing five corners in the opening

four minutes and Baggies centre-backs Gareth McAuley and Craig Dawson making timely headed blocks.

And McAuley was also on hand to place his body in the way of a clever shot from Luka Modric from inside the visitors' box.

Hodgson's men survived the early storm despite struggling to escape the confines of their own half. But the pressure resumed after a brief period of respite with Ben Foster forced to punch away a Gareth Bale cross as Emmanuel Adebayor raced in to challenge him.

There was a brief moment of attacking promise when neat footwork and a smart

pass by Thomas sent Odemwingie racing clear but his cross towards Graham Dorrans was cut out superbly by the back-tracking Benoit Assou-Ekotto.

And a further wave of Spurs pressure followed and the Baggies were indebted to Foster for a superb fingertip save to turn a Rafael van der Vaart effort over the bar after a surging run by Assou-Ekotto.

Albion spent much of the opening half camped in their own half as Odemwingie ploughed a lonely attacking furrow.

The second half began in a similar vein, although the Baggies might have stunned their hosts when captain-for-the-evening Nicky Shorey forced a corner and Dorrans' delivery proved a fraction high for Dawson, who skimmed a difficult header wide.

Yet Spurs' relentless pressure finally paid off on 63 minutes when a trademark Assou-Ekotto overlap sparked a goalmouth scramble that Albion could not survive.

They failed to clear the initial cross, and when the ball dropped for Bale, the Welshman stayed composed to feed Defoe, who turned away from Dawson to find the bottom corner for a fourth goal in his past three games against Albion.

Hodgson's men were forced to take more chances in their hunt for an equaliser and they enjoyed a couple of promising moments while Spurs were reduced to nine men following an ugly collision between Younes Kaboul and substitute Jake Livermore.

Baggies sub Morrison weaved through a series of challenges but found a shortage of team-mates in the box when he finally delivered a cross. And Simon Cox just cleared the crossbar in his attempts to match that feat from distance.

Somen Tchoyi was sent on for the final few moments in the hope of a moment of inspiration. The unpredictable Cameroon star almost produced one, powering through the centre and letting fly from distance with a shot that keeper Brad Friedel beat away.

Shorey delivered a string of dangerous flag-kicks late on but Hodgson's men could not get a telling touch.

Our terrible home record must improve – Scharner

MIDFIELDER Paul Scharner admitted Albion's home form this season is unacceptable as he took responsibility for Everton's Hawthorns winner.

The Austria international conceded the Baggies must improve their record of just two wins from 10 home Premier League matches.

They suffered their sixth Hawthorns defeat of the season on New Year's Day as they went down 1-0 to Everton.

Scharner said: "It is definitely something we have to put the focus on and we need to start picking up points at home otherwise we are struggling."

"Maybe at home everyone is waiting for us to dictate the game and create chances and keep possession and at the moment we can't reach our top level at home."

"The record is terrible. This season we don't score as many goals as last season."

"It was a horrible game from us."

Victor Anichebe's scrambled 87th-minute winner settled a poor game and Scharner shouldered the blame after his attempted clearance saw the ball drop to the feet of the Nigerian.

Scharner said: "It was a missed header from me. 'Me and Billy Jones both went for the ball and you are never sure 'can I go' or will he go'?"

Wide

"We were disappointed. We couldn't get the tempo high and we couldn't create any chances and then we conceded a goal like that."

The first half was a complete non-event with neither side creating a clearcut scoring chance.

Shane Long sent a full-stretch header wide of the target from a Chris Brunt cross after a neat Albion build-up.

Ben Foster then made a good block from a Jack Rodwell shot for Everton after pawing away a high ball in a goalmouth scramble.

And Rodwell sent a difficult glancing header wide just before half-time from a Leighton Baines corner.

But it was little surprise to see the scoresheet blank at the break.

Albion should have been in front two minutes after the restart, however, when a James Morrison header sent Peter Odemwingie clear of the Everton defence.

The Nigerian was presented with a tricky chance but he fired wildly over the top when he should have tested Tim Howard in the Toffees' goal.

Long saw another cross, this time from Jerome

Albion 0 Everton 1

Thomas, drift away from him agonisingly at the far post on the hour-mark.

And the first effort on target arrived on the hour-mark but even then a low shot from Anichebe was straight at Foster.

But it was Anichebe who netted the only goal of the game just three minutes from time.

Albion failed to deal with a high ball from the right and it dropped for the Toffees substitute to finish a scruffy move with a neat finish.

Boss Roy Hodgson said: "It was a 0-0 game where both teams defended quite well I thought and nullified each other."

"But wasn't a 0-0 game – that's the problem – it was a 1-0 game."

"And 1-0 games, especially when the goal for them comes so late in the game, as it did against Stoke, are the hardest results to accept and come to terms with."

"I'm very disappointed that we couldn't continue what has been quite a good run in the last three games, continue playing the same level of football, and most importantly, couldn't continue amassing points."

"I think they must be feeling very grateful that we gifted them the goal three minutes from the end with an obvious mistake."

"We didn't create that many chances."

"I don't think it was anywhere near as good a performance attacking-wise."

"Shane has been struggling with a back injury and needed an injection to get him on the field."

"I didn't think there were any changes I could make that would win us the game."

"I was also fearful that any changes I made might lead to them scoring a goal."

"As it happened, they got the goal anyway."

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New-boy: I shall be the Enda Warnock

ENDA STEVENS has vowed to challenge and learn from first-choice Villa left-back Stephen Warnock after his transfer from Shamrock Rovers was rubber-stamped.

The Ireland Under-21 international has signed a three-and-a-half-year contract and had already spent a fortnight training with his Villa team-mates following the end of Shamrock's Europa League campaign.

The Dublin-born youngster realises it will not be easy to dislodge Warnock who has played every single minute in the Premier League for Villa this season.

"Stephen is a quality player, he's proved himself and it's up to me now to just hit the ground running and try to prove myself," he said.

"It's an exciting challenge. I've worked hard to get here, but I've got to keep working hard to prove myself."

Warnock made a costly error in Villa's 2-0 defeat to Swansea which has seen some fans call for Stevens to give a chance at Bristol Rovers in the FA Cup.

But the 21-year-old admitted he was still some way short of the fitness levels required and also leapt to Warnock's defence.

"Players make mistakes," added Stevens. "Stephen is a quality player. All I can do is learn from him and we'll see where it goes from there."

Lewis nets the winner

AFC SMETHWICK picked up a crucial three points with a 2-1 win over fellow West Midlands League Division One promotion hopeful AFC Wombourne.

Both goalkeepers saw plenty of action and two remarkable saves from Dave Scorer in Wombourne goal prevented the home side taking the lead.

Within a minute of starting the second half, Wombourne were awarded a penalty when Paul Harris was brought down but Chris Holliday blazed over.

Scorer made another magnificent save in the 65th minute but the ball bounced nicely for Martin Lewis to give Smethwick the lead.

Ten minutes later, Holliday made up for his penalty miss by expertly crossing for Harris to head home.

With three minutes left Lewis netted his second to give Smethwick the points.

Battling Yeltz fall to narrow 1-0 defeats

By Craig Birch

HALESOWEN TOWN suffered a 1-0 defeat at Cinderford in a game littered with seven yellow cards and two reds.

With their trio of leading goalscorers Justin Nisbett, Naveed Arshad and Lee Chilton all absent, Halesowen faced an uphill task, although the weakened Yeltz still edged the first half.

Mark Smith went close with a third-minute header and Anthony Bruce struck just wide from the edge of the area after 11 minutes.

In an even first half, Cinderford created their first chance in the 25th minute when

Stephen Jackson produced a fingertip save from Nick McCootie's low shot.

Jean-Michel Gueyes replaced injured Halesowen full-back Nathaniel Caines at half-time and Michael McGrath went close early in the second half.

The Foresters crafted their solitary 58th minute winning goal when McCootie worked free down the right and squared across the penalty area for Andy Lewis to side-foot home.

There was little further goalmouth action

and both sides ended the game with 10 men. Cinderford's Dan Harrison was first to be given his marching orders for his second booking after 68 minutes.

Yeltz were unable to take advantage and then had Bruce dismissed in the 81st minute for his second bookable offence.

This result followed on from another 1-0 defeat to Magnotsfield last Saturday.

Yeltz started brightly when Lee Chilton's fourth-minute corner was headed off the line by Tom Knighton and Nathan Jones was denied by goalkeeper Chris Astley.

Stand-in home goalkeeper Stephen

Jackson showed no nervousness with a ninth-minute save at the feet of Tom Knighton.

Neil Arndale slotted home the Mangos' winner from the penalty spot in the 57th minute after Gareth Davies clattered Knighton following confusion between Mark Smith and keeper Jackson.

The Yeltz responded well but were unfortunate not to find an equaliser. Chilton's 25-yard curler shot struck the outside of the post in the 73rd minute.

In stoppage time, Michael McGrath's 25-yard free-kick rebounded off the post.

Tividale pick up victory on road

TIVIDALE returned to winning ways as they bounced back after conceding an early goal to beat Heath Hayes 3-1.

Tividale could not have got off to a worse start when a slip by the usually-reliable Andy Parsons in the third minute let in Chris Geldart, whose excellent cross was turned in by David Waple.

In the sixth minute Jason Chilton played in Matt Jukes, who laid off a neat pass to Adam Hill but his shot was blocked.

From that attack Heath Hayes went straight on the counter when Ben Haseley burst forward but as he was teasing up his shot Joel Kettle stopped him in his tracks with a brilliant tackle.

Hayes then missed a glorious chance in the 15th minute when a corner sailed over everyone in the box and fell to the unmarked Tom Baggott, who shot wide.

In the 33rd minute Hayes' Joseph McNulty went on a driving run from the mid-field but his shot sailed wide.

Tividale began to get to grips with the conditions and equalised on 42 minutes through Jukes.

The second half started just like the first one with a goal inside the first three minutes. This time it was the visitors who scored through Chris Russell.

Tividale dominated the second half and in the 70th minute Russell intercepted a short clearance and played in Adam Hill to score.

Olympic bid for Thomas

KRISTIAN THOMAS will get his last chance to claim a spot at the London 2012 Olympic Games next week.

Halesowen-based Thomas will compete in a gymnastics test event with places in Team GB up for grabs at the North Greenwich Arena in London next Tuesday.

The 22-year-old Earls Gymnastics Club member is one of six competitors in the men's artistic division.

They will be tested in teams, or as part of a mixed group of individuals, with a finals event to test the field of play, results, timing and scoring systems.

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GEORGE READY TO BE THORNE IN SIDE

BIRTHDAY boy George Thorne claims he is ready for regular Albion games after making his first Premier League start at Tottenham.

The highly-rated midfield prospect turned 19 on Wednesday after starting in the top flight for the first time the previous night in the 1-0 defeat to Spurs. And, after impressing at White Hart Lane, the England youth international is hoping to push his claims for a regular place.

"I'm itching to play," said the imposing midfielder, who was recalled from a loan spell at Portsmouth because of Albion's injury crisis. "I said to the gaffer, he's done right with me. He's given me tasters and picked his time to select me but I feel ready now."

"And I'm itching to get more game time under my belt."

"We have been unfortunate with all the injuries we've had and we've got a lot of key players out."

"But players such as myself need to stand up and be counted and take a position that is there for the taking."

"If I'm playing well and one of our top players comes back and they're performing well, it's only good for the team to have players on top form in or out the team."

Nerves

Thorne caught the eye alongside Paul Schärner at the heart of the Baggies' midfield and he believes regular training with the first team prepared him for facing Tottenham's midfield stars.

But he admitted Jermain Defoe's winner for Spurs left him with mixed feelings.

"I've been playing with these players day in, day out for a long time now so I know the level I need to be at," said the Chatham-born Albion academy graduate.

"It was my first start, so there were a few nerves and a bit of anxiety, naturally."

"But after a couple of touches I felt like I was getting into my stride and getting into the game."

"I feel happy to have

By Steve Madeley

played but there's a dampener on it to not have come away with the point."

Hodgson paid tribute to his Albion stand-ins after the Baggies' battling defeat at White Hart Lane.

The Hawthorns boss praised the efforts of his reshaped side, which was missing seven first-team players through injury.

"We've got more than 11 players at our football club and we had a lot of players out there that haven't played for a while and were very anxious to play."

"Dorrans hadn't played for a long time but unfortunately for him he fell sick at the start of the week."

"That was obviously going to hamper his performance but he was still able to get out on the field and he needed it."

"Cox has been waiting a long time for a chance as Jara Reyes has."

"George Thorne is one we've had up our sleeve for a long time and Craig Dawson has been waiting for a long time to play."

"They've been kept out of the team because the ones in the team have played well enough to keep them on the sidelines."

"They got their chance

when the others were missing and I think they acquitted themselves very well."

"I thought George Thorne was very good."

Albion soaked up waves of Spurs pressure before Defoe struck on 63 minutes.

And Hodgson insisted they got their approach spot on.

"We'll never know if we'd have played higher up the field from the start and opened ourselves up in midfield and given them even more opportunity to get shots in we might have been a lot more than a goal down," he said.

"I think all the time you can keep games tight, especially against the top teams, you give yourselves a chance."

"Even when you go 1-0 down you are not out of the game. You might sneak yourselves back into it as we almost did."

"We didn't play that deep in actual fact. We had seven offside in the first half, which is a lot to get."

"But what we didn't do was race everyone up the field to push up on their centre-backs and make it that much easier to get through our midfield."



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